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In Re: U.S. Patent Application of GRAVES, Alan F.
App. No.: 09/648,767 Art Unit: 2633
Filed: August 28, 2000 Examiner: Payne, David C.
For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND SIGNAL FOR CARRYING OVERHEAD
INFORMATION IN A TRANSPORT NETWORK EMPLOYING
PHOTONIC SWITCHING NODES

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Sir/Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows and re-examine the application in view of the amendments and remarks provided.

Please also note the change in Attorney Docket Number from 85773-323 to **86114-38**.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including an amended drawing figure is attached following page 28 of this paper.